THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN): (a) to (c) Schemes are discontinued on the basis of Zero Based Budgeting (ZBB) exercise. The Primary Purpose of ZBB exercise is to ensure convergence, efficiency and efficacy of schemes according to Plan objectives and priorities and also the use of available resources in the most judicious and economically efficient manner. Such an exercise is done regularly.

Model Concession Agreement (MCA)

3131. SHRI KAMAL AKHTAR:
SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Planning Commission has reportedly formulated a Model Concession Agreement (MCA) for operation and maintenance of the National Highways through the public-private participation in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, indicating budgetary allocations made for the maintenance of highways during 2007-08 as compared to 2006-07, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN): (a) Yes, Sir. Planning Commission has formulated a Model Concession Agreement for Public Private Partnership (PPP) in Operation and Maintenance of Highways as best practice reference document that can be suitably adapted and adopted by the Department of Road Transport & Highways, State governments and other agencies concerned.

(b) The PPP framework provided in the above stated MAC combines operation, maintenance and tolling into a single contract to be awarded for sufficiently long periods to competent private entities, selected through competitive bidding, so as to incentivise higher quality along with recovery of toll revenues, than is possible under separate maintenance and tolling contracts.

Currently, national highways are being maintained through normal contracts for repair etc. A total allocation of Rs. 814.38 crore (including an amount of Rs. 22.28 crore for the works under Border Road Development Board) for the year 2006-07 and a provision of Rs. 814.38 crore (including

an amount of Rs. 20.06 crore for the works under Border Road Development Board) for the year 2007-08 for the maintenance and repair of National Highways has been made. State-wise allocations for the year 2006-07 are given in the enclosed Statement. (*See* below) State-wise allocations for the year 200-08 have not been made.

Statement

State-wise Allocation and Expenditure of Funds under Maintenance & Repairs (M&R) works during the year 2006-07

(Rs. in crore)

Sl. No.	State/Union Territory	Allocation
1.	Andhra Pradesh	70.01
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	0.30
3.	Assam	24.99
4.	Bihar	34.34
5.	Chandigarh	0.66
6.	Chhattisgarh	25.65
7.	Delhi	0.43
8.	Goa	3.71
9.	Gujarat	35.29
10.	Haryana	24.27
11.	Himachal Pradesh	17.29
12.	Jharkhand	21.66
13.	Karnataka	37.78
14.	Kerala	29.39
15.	Madhya Pradesh	58.70
16.	Maharashtra	61.55
17.	Manipur	7.07
18.	Meghalaya	11.21
19.	Mizoram	4.30
20.	Nagaland	4-36

1	2	3
21.	Orissa	44.25
22.	Pondicherry	0.89
23.	Punjab	19.44
24.	Rajasthan	61.58
25.	Tamil Nadu	30.85
26.	Uttar Pradesh	49.78
27.	Uttaranchal	18.66
28.	West Bengal	20.16
29.	NHAI	60.44
30.	Traffic studies	10.00
31.	NITHE	2.96
32.	MBIU (TN)	0.13
33.	BRDB	22.28
	TOTAL	814.38

Pending Irrigation Projects

3132. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several irrigation projects have been hampered due to financial crunch and various irrigation projects are pending for approvals;

(b) if so, Government's response thereto and the steps being taken by the Union Government for earlier completion of all the ongoing irrigation projects within next two years;

(c) whether more than hundred irrigation projects of Maharashtra Government are pending with Union Government;

(d) the reasons for the projects lying pending; and

(e) the steps taken or proposed to be taken for the clearance of pending irrigation projects of Maharashtra?